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TEN CENTS A WEEK

COMER IS NAMED GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA

Majority Estimated From Six
to Eight Thousand.

JOHNSON, BANKHEAD AND KNOX

In the Lead for Alternate U. S. Senator—Unofficial Returns Indicate a Choice of Johnston and Bankhead. Weakley Named for Chief Justice.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 29.—The Democrats of Alabama Monday elected state officers by a primary, and also voted for two candidates for U. S. senator.

Owing to the great age of the present senators from Alabama, who had no opposition to re-election, two candidates for alternates were voted for.

These alternates will be appointed by the governor or elected by the legislature in case of the death or disability of the present incumbents.

For governor, Hon. B. B. Comer, of Birmingham, was nominated over Dr. R. M. Cunningham, of Easley, by a majority estimated at from 5,000 to 8,000.

For lieutenant governor, H. B. Gray, of Birmingham, and D. J. Meador, of Myrtlewood, are in the lead, the returns a hand being insufficient to name the winner.

For U. S. senator, John T. Morgan and Edmund W. Pettus, had no opposition. For alternate U. S. senator, Joseph W. Johnston, John H. Bankhead and John A. Knox, are in the lead. Unofficial returns from 27 counties indicate that former Governor Joseph F. Johnston and Congressman J. H. Bankhead, have been nominated.

Q. W. Underwood, of the fifth congressional district, was renominated and W. B. Craig, of Selma, was nominated to succeed Sydney J. Bowie as congressman for the fourth district.

The issue in the governorship contest was freight rates, Comer making his race on a platform which demanded that the railroads grant to Alabama shippers the same rates as are enforced by the Georgia railroad commission in that state.

Every return indicates that Judge Weakley has been nominated for chief justice of the supreme court, which is a surprise to even his most intimate friends.

The race seems close between W. W. Brandon, Horace Hood, of Montgomery, and C. B. Smith, for auditor.

Frank Julian seems to have a majority for secretary of state from the few places heard from.

There are seven candidates for associate railroad commissioners, two to be elected, and it is impossible to pick the winners.

There are two associate justices of the supreme court to be elected, and five candidates with no indication of the leaders.

These candidates are A. Bilbo, T. W. Coleman, J. R. Dowdell, T. C. McClelland and W. L. Parks.

Woman Found Murdered.

New York, Aug. 29.—A woman by the name of Mrs. Annie Moore, was found murdered early Tuesday in a furnished room at Sixty-second street. She had been horribly ripped and slashed. One gash had severed the jugular vein in the left side of the throat, and had almost severed the windpipe, the breast was badly slashed and a deep knife wound had ripped open the body, disemboweling it. No weapon was found, and there were few blood marks around the room. James Moore, who had posed as the woman's husband, was held by the police on suspicion. It was he who notified the police of the murder.

Fire Destroys Church.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 29.—Fire Tuesday destroyed the First, Christian church at Fourteenth and K streets. The loss is estimated to be \$70,000. The Catholics purchased the building a year ago and were changing it into a handsome cathedral. Father Shinn thinks enemies of the church set fire to the structure. Four firemen narrowly escaped death by the falling of the walls.

TEXAS COTTON SHOWS DAMAGE.

Needs Less Rain and More Sunshine. Shows 8.1 Better Condition.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 29.—The Galveston-Dallas News published reports from 503 correspondents in cotton-producing districts of Texas, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory, written on Aug. 24. They show that the crop has deteriorated, and is further threatened by reason of excessive rains; intermittent showers and depredations of boll weevils and boll worms in a very large proportion of the territory covered.

Texas conditions as compared with the same date in 1905 is 8.1 per cent better, Indian Territory 4.5 per cent better, and Oklahoma 12 per cent better. Insect damage in the territories has been very much less than in Texas. More than two-thirds of the Texas counties report excessive rains, rank growth of plant, shading of fruit and some instances rotting, arrested development, and shedding either because of weather or insects. About one-fourth of the cotton counties report favorable conditions.

Picking is general only in the southern portion of the state, and is delayed by rains. Labor for cotton picking, as well as for practically all other industries, is scarce. Many correspondents say that, if the rains would stop and sunshine weather would prevail, the crop in their sections would still be good. Upon the other hand, a very large number of correspondents declare that there will be no top crop and some that the middle crop is now doomed.

Reward of \$200 for Assailant.

Atlanta, Aug. 29.—Governor Terrell has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest, with proof to convict, of the unknown negro man who committed an assault upon Mrs. Georgia F. Hem-bree, near Battle Hill, about two weeks ago. The community was greatly stirred up over this assault, and every effort was made to catch the negro, so far without success. The governor also offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Alex McLeod, a negro wanted in Turner county for the murder of his stepdaughter on Aug. 12 last, and a reward of \$100 for Jno. Chandler, who is wanted in Coweta county for the murder of J. G. Bishop on Dec. 25, 1897.

Jury's Verdict Causes Laughter.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 29.—Judge Norwood, of the city court, discharged the jury Monday morning in the William Johnson gambling case, for bringing in a verdict of "not guilty," when in his mind the evidence was conclusive of guilt. This jury will in the future be disqualified for jury service in the city court. Judge Norwood said that there was no doubt as to Johnson's guilt of gambling, and it would never be stopped with such verdicts. The evidence was conclusive and not circumstantial, and when the verdict was read in the court room, the spectators forgot their duty to the dignity of the court and laughed.

Will Stand Murder Trial.

Jonesboro, Ga., Aug. 29.—Clayton's superior court convened here Monday morning, Judge L. S. Roan presiding. The case of Leon T. Milner, who is charged with the murder of B. H. Dorsey, brother of Judge R. T. Dorsey, of Atlanta, will be taken up Wednesday morning. Colonel Charlie D. Hill, of Atlanta, and Colonel O. J. Coogler, of Jonesboro, will assist the solicitor general in the prosecution of the case. The defense will be represented by Brown & Brown, of McDonough, and Colonel W. L. Watterson, of Jonesboro. Much interest is being manifested in the trial.

Illinois Mob May Use Rope.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 29.—The 5-year-old daughter of Edward Albright, a farmer near Bertrand, Mo., was assaulted by Charles Goforth, a farm hand employed by her father. Goforth was captured in the Mississippi swamps by farmers headed by Albright, who seriously hurt Goforth and tried to kill him; Goforth was rescued by deputies with bloodhounds brought from Charleston, Mo. Goforth was taken to Charleston. The little girl is in a precarious condition. A report has reached here that a mob is going from Bertrand to Charleston to attempt to lynch Goforth.

NO MORE PASSES; YOU PAY OR WALK

Can't Hard Cash Now Gets Transportation.

EVERYONE MUST PAY THE CASH

Exchange of Advertising for Railway Travel is a Thing of the Past, as New Interstate Commerce Law is Now in Effect.

Atlanta, Aug. 29.—With the last stroke of 12 o'clock midnight Monday night, Georgia, together with the rest of the country, began upon a new era so far as passes and free transportation is concerned, and the death knell of special privileges was sounded.

This great change was occasioned by the new rate bill of the interstate commerce commission, which went into effect at midnight Monday night.

Conflicting as many of the provisions of the new bill may appear, according to the testimony of many railroad experts, there is no circumventing the fact that passes and free transportation is made unlawful under the provisions of the new bill. Incidentally, the fact that both the user of a pass as well as the official or railroad issuing the pass are subject to heavy penalty under the new law, makes it practically certain that there will be a certain and sudden stop in the request for passes.

From now on, the railroads will have to pay in actual cash for whatever advertising they may insert in the newspapers while those connected with newspapers from editor-in-chief to the newest cub reporter will pay for their transportation just as the balance of the public. The new law gives particular attention to this matter and states that no passes, tickets or free transportation may be granted to newspapers to be paid for in advertising. Up to this time, many newspapers have kept accounts with the railroads and have paid for their transportation in advertising. Settlements were made monthly and if the railroads had used more advertising space than they had granted transportation, the difference was paid in cash. On the other hand if more transportation had been granted by the railroads than the sum offsetting their advertising bill, this difference was settled by the newspapers in cash.

Now all this is changed. Both the railroads and the newspapers will have to pay for what they get in cold cash, exactly in the same way as the rest of the traveling public.

That the railroads are very much disturbed by these new conditions is evident. This sudden taking away of the pass privilege means that from now on all business must be transacted on a regular business foundation. It means that where judges of the United States courts have been issued annual passes for themselves and trip passes for the members of their families, letters must be written—or have been—calling in this privilege and apologizing on the ground that the railroads were in no way responsible for the new bill, but on the contrary, were bitterly opposed to its passage from the start.

It was also stated that these letters calling in free passes from editors, judges, municipal, state and federal officials carried with them sincere regrets that this new law necessitated the withdrawal of these passes from those who had proved their friendship to the railroads in many ways for many years.

It was also reported that these letters called attention to the fact that under the new law the penalty was the same for the person using the free pass in violation of the new act as it was for the official or railroad issuing the pass.

Fear of Insanity Leads to Suicide.

Muskegon, Mich., Aug. 29.—Being haunted by the fear that she would become hopelessly insane, Mrs. H. D. Hatch, of Hart, poured kerosene on her clothing late Monday afternoon, applied a match and died a few hours later from burns received.

NECRO'S WIFE "RUSHED" BY 400.

Announcement of Her Identity Gives Coast Society Severe Jolt.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 29.—Mrs. A. M. Curtis, who came from Washington with credentials from the war department, to aid in the relief work following the April disaster, and who was entertained by the most exclusive families in San Francisco society, is now transpired, is the wife of a negro physician in the national capital.

Mrs. Curtis is of Indian blood, according to statements of her friends. It was not known that she was the wife of a negro, and exclusive society is even yet slow to believe it.

While here, Mrs. Curtis did much work among the negroes and seemed to be on speaking acquaintance with all the negroes in town.

When Mrs. Curtis left the city she was suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident and went to Washington to recuperate. She is to return soon and society is very much puzzled. What her reception will be, society doesn't know.

Mrs. J. F. Merrill, vice president of the Red Cross, spoke very highly of the services rendered by Mrs. Curtis during her stay here.

Condemned Woman Respited.

Kansas City, Aug. 29.—Governor Folk, at Jefferson City, has granted a reprieve until October 26 to Mrs. Agnes Myers, now in jail at Liberty awaiting execution for the murder of her husband. Governor Folk granted the respite so that the woman's attorneys might have time in which to perfect an appeal to the United States supreme court, the preliminary action on which was taken recently. Governor Folk also granted a respite to Frank Holtman to Oct. 26, which is the same day for the execution of Mrs. Myers. Governor Folk left at noon Monday for New York to attend the Bryan reception.

35 Companies Pay Insurance.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—Thirty-five insurance companies out of the 120 involved in the San Francisco disaster have been paid, in the aggregate \$55,103,831.12, according to their office record to date. Some of the larger concerns have made heavy payments. The Royal of Liverpool, is credited with \$2,804,000.41; the Hartford, with \$3,013,795; the New York Underwriters, with \$3,496,787; the Aetna, of Hartford, is down for \$3,120,592, and the Liverpool and London and Globe for \$5,721,258.

Jealous Man Kills Woman.

New York, Aug. 29.—Martin Winterstein, 39 years old, a fireman on the steamship Colon, shot and killed Mrs. Annie Larsen, 29 years old, in her apartments Tuesday morning. Mrs. Sallie Pruhn, 29 years old, a cousin of Mrs. Larsen was shot and seriously wounded by the fireman. Winterstein was arrested after a hard struggle. He was infatuated with Mrs. Larsen, and said he was jealous of the woman.

Rescued from Burning Steamer.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29.—Twenty-one persons, including the captain's wife and two little children, were rescued early Tuesday from the burning vessel, Charles A. Eddy, by the Detroit and Cleveland line steamer, City of Mackinaw, off Port Sanilac in Lake Huron. All of them escaped uninjured, and were brought to this city on the City of Mackinaw. The Eddy was destroyed.

Atlanta Man Is Arrested.

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 29.—A man known to his companions as Joseph Fitzgerald, was shot down after a quarrel in a saloon Monday afternoon by a man giving the name of George Dabney of Atlanta. The men were employed in the yards of the North-western railroad, and were of a party drinking together. Dabney was arrested.

Two Killed by Lightning.

Roswell, N. H., Aug. 29.—Two men found sitting upright in a wagon dead and four mules dead in harness near Keosau, have been identified as Victor and Thomas Simpson, brothers, who were on farm near Lida. They were killed by lightning when driving from Keosau to their farm.

PALMA'S CHILDREN JOIN GUBAN ARMY

Enlistments Have Already Had
a Good Effect.

ENLISTMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

Has Been Suspended Until President

Palma's Offer of Amnesty to the Insurgents Can Be Determined—Confidence Felt at Palace.

Havana, Aug. 29.—The enlistment of volunteers by the government has been suspended when President Palma's offer of amnesty to the insurgents can be determined. At the palace confidence is felt that the great body of rebels, who have been carried away with the idea that they were to have a conspicuous part in the overthrow of the Palma administration will seize the present opportunity to return to lawful pursuits rather than jeopardize their liberty by further supporting what the government characterizes as a hopeless case.

Senator Dolz, the moderate leader, following his conference with President Palma, declared early Tuesday that with the exception of Pinar Guera, all the insurgent leaders were prepared to disband their men if assured of immunity. Guera is said to be reckoned with. If seemingly reliable reports can be credited, he has with him a formidable body of men, but his recent inactivity leaves the impression that he desires rather to make a display of force than to do any serious fighting. His earlier promises to capture Pinar del Rio and then march on Havana, followed by a period of inactivity, has apparently injured his prestige among the insurgents and sympathizers, who had expected him to make a bold dash at the government forces.

President Palma's instructions of Monday have made a good impression, especially among the business men, whose interests are seriously threatened by the disturbed condition of affairs. President Palma's son has joined the army, and his daughter has become an army nurse. These enlistments have also had a good effect.

Fearing Assassination, Kills Self.

Atlanta, Aug. 29.—S. F. Kline, a laundry clerk who came here from Savannah, committed suicide early Tuesday morning at his boarding house, 140 South Pryor street, by cutting his throat with a razor. Kline's roommates found him lying upon the floor, his throat gashed, and a bloody razor in his hand. It was said that Kline had been drinking for the past two or three weeks, and was in a highly nervous state. He had expressed the fear the night before that he was the victim of assassins. Kline had been living in Atlanta five weeks. For the past two weeks, his friends say, he had been on a spree. He had lost his position at Gethman's laundry, where he worked as a marker and sorter, but had been promised a job with the Troy laundry, which he was to have accepted Tuesday.

Court Apparently Divided.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—The court at Peterhoff apparently is divided as to how to meet the campaign of the terrorists. Premier Stolypin and his cabinet, however, have taken a stand against repression on a scale which would drive the whole people into revolt. The premier's views are reflected by the Russia today, which declares the government must not be frightened into abandoning the reform program. It is only necessary, the paper asserts, to draw a line between loyal opposition and those whom by word and act, would destroy the government.

Civil Marriage Formalities Restored.

Madrid, Aug. 29.—A royal decree published Tuesday restores the civil marriage formalities and suppresses the obligation on the parties desiring to get married to declare their religion. This is directly opposed to the papal bull of 1881 and it is expected it will arouse a political struggle, which will continue until the